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TAGS: OVIP (FUKUDA, TAKEO), JA, UN, PORG
SUBJECT: JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN UN PEACEKEEPING ENDEAVORS

1. CANADIAN MINISTER INFORMED POLCOUNS APRIL 18 THAT HE HAD RECENTLY HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION WITH UN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL OKAWA, IN WHICH HE SHARED INFORMATION ON CANADIAN EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS UN PEACEKEEPING ORGANIZATIONS. OKAWA CONFIRMED WHAT WE HAVE LONG UNDERSTOOD: THAT HE IS PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT INVOLVING JAPAN BY STAGES IN INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS. HE INDICATED, AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US, THAT PARTICIPATION OF SELF-DEFENSE FORCES WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE AT THIS STAGE, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL IMPEDIMENT. (CHANGE IN LAW ESTABLISHING SDF MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE REQUIRED.) ON OTHER HAND, JAPAN COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE OBSERVATION EFFORTS, LEAVING PEACEKEEPING, I.E., EXPOSURE TO HOSTILE FIRE, FOR FUTURE. IN THIS CONNECTION, OKAWA SAID HE WAS TOYING WITH POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN CONTRIBUTING HELICOPTERS TO ANY NEW UN PEACE OBSERVATION TEAM, WITH ADDITIONAL THOUGHT THAT THEY MIGHT BE PROCURED IN US, THUS HELPING OUT ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

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2. COMMENT: THERE IS LITTLE NEW IN WHAT OKAWA HAD TO SAY APART FROM THOUGHT ABOUT HELICOPTERS. CONVERSATION SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT IF JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN UN COMES UP DURING FUKUDA'S VISIT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MAKE PITCH FOR GOJ ROLE IN FUTURE UN PEACE OBSERVATION EXERCISES, SO THAT OKAWA'S IDEAS WILL HAVE FURTHER SUPPORT AT SUCH TIME AS HE MIGHT ADVANCE THEM WITHIN GOJ. MANSFIELD

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